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1. AGREE THAT INVITATION TO SAAD AHMED TO AFL-CIO CONVENTION
MAY BE OF SOME HELP IN BREAKING LOG JAM IN USG-EFL RELATIONS.
WILL MAKE AHMED AWARE OF INVITATION AND ADVISE ASAP.

2. SOME OTHER OBSERVATIONS IN ORDER. FIRST, WISH TO POINT
OUT THAT INVITATION COULD BACKFIRE IF IT LEADS TO DEAD END,
IF HE HEARS AFL-CIO DRAG ARABS THROUGH THICKET OF PRO-
ISRAELI RHETORIC (AFL-CIO HABIT), OR IF HE DECIDES TO MAKE
MILITANT NOISES ABOUT ISRAEL (TEMPTING FOR EGYPTIAN CON-
SUMPTION). ALSO, SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT, FOR REASONS IN-
TEND TO REVIEW WITH YOU FULLY IN ROME AND TUNIS, AHMED HAS
NOT BEEN BOOSTER OF U.S. HE IS NOT PERSON, DESPITE HIS
OFFICE, WE WOULD HAVE CHOSEN AS CHANNEL FOR AFL-CIO FEELERS.
WE FORESEE POSSIBILITY THAT AHMED WILL REJECT INVITATION
AND DISCOURAGE PARTICIPATION OF SUBSTITUTE. ON OTHER
HAND, OF COURSE, LRO WOULD MAKE SURE THAT STORY GOT AROUND
AND PLACED ONUS OF OBSTRUCTIONISM ON AHMED.

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3. WISH ALSO TO SAY AGAIN, AS PLAN TO DO IN TUNIS TO
CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, THAT WE RECOGNIZE OUR PURPOSE
CANNOT AT THIS TIME BE ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE FORGING OF
"FRATERNAL" LINKS BETWEEN U.S. AND EGYPTIAN LABOR, HOWEVER
DESIRABLE THAT MIGHT BE IN PRINCIPLE. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS
PREMATURE SINCE, AS REF A MAKES CLEAR, AFL-CIO NOT READY

FOR THIS. DO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO FIND WAYS TO INVOLVE LABOR IN OUR OVERALL USG ASSISTANCE EFFORT AS THIS IS ONLY WAY TO LEND SUBSTANCE TO OUR LABOR WORK HERE. PRESENTLY HAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE LABOR BUSINESS ON WHICH TO BASE A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH EGYPTIAN LABOR. BECAUSE OF REALITIES, HAVE REPEATEDLY HAD TO TURN DOWN EGYPTIAN LABOR REQUESTS FOR TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE. RESULT IS THAT EGYPTIAN LABOR HAS BECOME SKEPTICAL OF OUR INTENTIONS. POSITION BECOMING EMBARRASSING TO LRO AND TO HIS CONTACTS, WHO HAVE NOTHING TO SHOW FOR OPENING THEIR DOORS TO LRO. PLEASED TO NOTE FROM REF B NEW-FOUND DEPT OF LABOR AND AFL-CIO INTEREST IN A SOMEWHAT WIDER RANGE OF EGYPTIAN LABOR MATTERS THAN WAS PREVIOUSLY THE CASE, BUT TRUST THIS INTEREST WILL NOT PROVE TO BE SIMPLY COSMETIC. IF WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT RECOGNIZING LABOR'S POSITION IN EGYPT AND GENUINELY WANT TO WORK WITH EGYPTIAN LABOR, WE MUST THINK IN TERMS OF SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMS THAT MIGHT BE OFFERED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT INTEREST OF SOME EGYPTIAN LABOR ELEMENTS IN WORKING WITH US IS RECIPROCATED.

4. AMBASSADOR HAS SEEN THIS MESSAGE AND CONCURS.
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